

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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**February 20, 2012**

**7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office**

**In attendance was:** David Benes, Robert Dunphy, Julien & Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Samuel White Jr., and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:03.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated February 6, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #4 totaling \$135,549.43. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:**
  - 4.1 L. Mayo stated that David Benes had been attending the last 3 months of Planning Board meetings. He recommended that the BOS consider him as an alternate. C. Taylor replied that the BOS would be advertising for all appointed positions, and the appointments would be done the second meeting in March.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1 **E-911** – W. McLaughlin stated that E. Ketchum had called, and had nothing to report.
  - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – S. White stated he had nothing to report. He stated he thought this might be a record year for no snow. He added that they had used a lot of sand this year though.
  - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
  - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** – T. Lamontagne said that she had nothing to report.
  - 5.5 **Planning Board** –
    - 5.5.1 L. Mayo stated there were 2 road issues, both on the East Shore Road. He submitted copies of the deeds with Maine-ly Trees and Logland Corporation. He said he did not know if anything had been done when they were originally given to the BOS. C. Taylor asked B. Baker to check the Registry of Deeds to see if they had ever been recorded. L. Mayo stated that these should be included at the STM if the town had one. C. Taylor promised that the latest these items would be taken care of was next March.
    - 5.5.2 L. Mayo said there were quite a few LSD along the Kennebec River. He added that they used to be all Resource Protection, 200'. C. Taylor stated that it was 500' on the Carrabassett and the Kennebec, but they were proposing a change to 200'. L. Mayo said there were 2 properties on the Carrabassett, & probably 6 on the Kennebec. Discussion continued.
  - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – L. Mayo said there was not much going on.
  - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
  - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** –
    - 5.8.1 R. Dunphy stated things had been really slow. He said there were no applications last month.
    - 5.8.2 W. McLaughlin asked if there was any news on the Roosevelt case. C. Taylor added that he thought the 60 days might be up that night. R. Dunphy replied that the lawyer had called asking for help in filling out the application for the after-the-fact permit. He added that he would take a member of the Planning Board with him to do the measurements.
  - 5.9 **Health Officer** – R. Dunphy stated he had not heard anything.
  - 5.10 **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
  - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.
  - 5.12 **Recreational Director** – No Report.
  - 5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
    - 5.13.1 B. Baker submitted the Treasurer's Report.
    - 5.13.2 B. Baker submitted a Check Reconciliation Report.
    - 5.13.3 She submitted copies of the short audit, stating the auditor would be coming up after town meeting.

**5.13.4** She stated that she had mailed out 23 foreclosure notices on Friday. E. Pratt asked what made a foreclosure notice. B. Baker stated that the notices that had just gone out were for unpaid 2009 taxes. E. Pratt asked what happened if they had paid 2010 or 2011. B. Baker replied that the oldest years had to be paid first, with the exception of bankruptcies.

**5.14 Registrar of Voters:** B. Baker said that she would have 4 ballot clerks who would be there for the entire election, and 2 more that would come in at 11:30 to help count. She added that there would also be an individual to check people in for the open part of town meeting at the Community Center

**5.15 Tax Collector:** BOS reviewed a report from R. Blake. C. Taylor stated \$12K had been collected since the last BOS meeting.

**5.16 Community Center –**

**5.16.1** C. Taylor stated he had received a proposed lease from the ECC. He stated it would be sent to the town's attorney for review. E. Pratt stated the lease would be good until March 2013. Extensive discussion ensued.

**5.16.2** W. McLaughlin stated there would be a magician Saturday and a supper the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March.

**5.16.3** C. Taylor asked if they would be serving food for town meeting. W. McLaughlin said yes, beginning at 11:00.

**5.17 Emergency Management Directors –** R. Dunphy asked how the BOS could ask someone to write a grant for an emergency shelter if the town was not going to keep the building in its possession. C. Taylor read article 13 from the Annual Town Meeting warrant. R. Dunphy asked whether all costs of running the building would become the burden of the taxpayers if this article passed. C. Taylor said yes. E. Pratt said no. She stated that the ECC would continue to offer programs and turn any excess revenues over to the town. C. Taylor said, "But [R. Dunphy] and John Mullin both said to leave the article as written." R. Dunphy stated, "The ECCenter does not need to be part of the discussion." Discussion continued.

**6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

**6.1** B. Baker submitted a list of street lights in town. She added that a street light had been installed across from the ECCtr.

**7 Old Business:**

**7.1 Town of Embden Policies:** None

**8 New Business:** None.

**9 Correspondence:**

**10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**

**10.1 Open Public Forum:** The articles for town meeting were discussed.

**10.2 Executive Session (Non-Public)(ME§405):** E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to go into executive session per ME§405 for confidential matters. (3-0) BOS went into executive session at 20:55. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to come out of executive session. (3-0) They came out of executive session at 21:02.

**11 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

**11.1** Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, March , 2012.

**11.2** Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, March 3, 2012

**11.3** Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup> - E. Pratt). Adjourned 21:03 (3-0).

*Minutes submitted by:*

*Bonnie A. Baker*